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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

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1. MINISTER OF MING AND METALLURGY JAVIER BEDREGAL GUTIERREZ IS 39-YEAR-OLD NATIVE OF LA PAZ. BEDREGAL IS MARRIED, WITH FOUR CHILDREN, AND IS GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA, SPAIN. A LOYAL MNRISTA, HE HAS BEEN NAMED BY VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF VARIOUS INTERNAL PARTY COMMISSIONS IN PAST. IN 1955, HE WAS LABOR DEPARTMENT GRANTEE TO U.S. FROM 1971 UNTIL RECENT APPOINTMENT, HE OCCUPIED POST OF SUB-SECRETARY OF MINING AND METALLURGY. BEDREGAL IS THOUGHT TO BE MORE OPEN, FRIENDLY PERSONALITY THAN WAS HIS PREDECESSOR AS MINISTER. HOWEVER, HE IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE ACCEPTED ILLEGAL PAYOFFS IN HIS PREVIOUS POST WITHIN MINISTRY. BEDREGAL HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED IN PAST WITH LEFT WING OF MNR, AND REPORTEDLY WAS INFLUENCED BY MARIST IDEAS OF HIS MORE DYNAMIC AND CHARMING BROTHER GUILLERMO, A FORMER MNR LEADER, NOW IN EXILE.

2. MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH DR. LUIS LEIGUE SUAREZ IS NATIVE OF THE BENI, AND DENTIST BY PROFESSION. HE IS ABOUT 40 YEARS
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OLD, MARRIED WITH FIVE CHILDREN. BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT TO MINISTRY

EARLIER THIS YEAR, HE HAD SERVED AS BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL.
A MILITANT FALANGISTA, LEIGUE HAS BEEN VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE PERSONAL

FRIEND OF BOTH CARLOS VALVERDE AND MARIO GUTIERREZ; LEIGUE IS MARRIED
TO SISTER OF GUTIERREZ' WIFE. LEIGUE IS ALSO THOUGHT TO BE CLOSE TO
PRESIDENT BANZER. AMERICAN OFFICIALS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH LEIGUE
DESCRIBE HIM AS PERSONABLE, OPEN-MINDED, A GOOD LISTENER
AND PRO-AMERICAN. AT PRESENT, LEIGUE AND HIS BROTHER ALSO OPERATE A
CATTLE-RAISING ENTERPRISE IN SANTA CRUZ.

3. EMBASSY SUBMITTED NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH OF BEDREGAL, TAKEN AT
SWEARING-IN CEREMONEY SEPTEMBER 10, 1973, WITH ITS OM OF SEPTEMBER 17.

THE EMBASSY HAS NO PHOTOGRAPH OF CARLOS COSTA DU RELS.
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